

RAISING TEA IN AMERICA.

The Pioneer Plantation Is at Pinehurst in South Carolina.

The only plantation on this continent where tea is grown successfully for the market is at Pinehurst, S. C. Dr. Charles U. Shepard, who is making tea culture his life work, thinks 20 acres enough to lay out in gardens at present, though eventually he expects to double this area. And it is a queer looking patch, this 20 acres. The doctor has simply made a clearing in the woods, and as the visitor emerges from the trees into the open space he sees what is apparently a stunted peach orchard, only the leaves are too small and of a very dark green. On a closer examination the leaves resemble those of currant bushes, though they grow on stalks thick enough for tree trunks. Some plants are as high as the waist and some nearly as high as the head. Planted at regular intervals and in rows with branches carefully pruned, they resemble an orchard of small fruit trees, with the branches forking like peaches. But it is not an orchard. It is a garden similar to thousands in China and other Asiatic countries. It is a genuine tea garden.

To those who have seen the cheap prints and china representations of tea bushes growing on mountain sides these straight rows along the flat ground have an unfamiliar look, but it is the climate, and not so much the "lay of the land," that fosters them. Right in this Carolina forest the temperature happens to be the best in the country for tea growing. It is just about warm enough, and just about moist enough, and heat, combined with moisture, is the special requirement to make good tea leaves. The 20 acres of "gardens" contain several thousand "shrubs." From these the owner hopes to secure this year about 1,000 pounds of black tea, which will retail at \$1 and \$1.40 per pound. Last year his crop was about 500 pounds from an area of 15 acres. This is considerably better than raising cotton at the present prices, so he thinks.

The garden contains shrubs raised from tea seed imported from Japan, China, Ceylon, Formosa and Assam, Asia; also what are called Assam hybrids, which are considered the most profitable, and Ceylon hybrids, which are obtained by mixing the seed of the pure Assam or Ceylon with some other grade.

The shrubs grow six feet apart, as they require a large amount of nourishment and exhaust a large area of ground. Shingles or straw are placed over the plants when the first shoots appear, and every care is taken to protect them from frost until they have reached a height of two or three feet, when they become fairly hardy and can withstand usually the changes of temperature which occur during the year. The shrubs can be grown by grafting, but are less hardy than if raised by the seedling process.

When the shrub is about three feet high, the harvesting of the tea begins, and this is perhaps the most interesting stage of all. Armed with a sharp knife, the fieldhand cuts off in May about half of the leaves and smaller branches. If the growth has been healthy, the shrub throws out a new foliage of leaves at once. These are the tea leaves of commerce. They will run from one to two inches in length, according to the variety. They are picked off as fast as they reach a suitable size, and the operation is repeated from May until October as often as the leaves come out. It is termed "flushing." The most profitable species are naturally those that can bear the most flushing. At Pinehurst seven is the largest number of flushes during the season. "America's Only Tea Garden" in Boston Herald.

Two Corporations Clash.

"This bill," protested the man at the window, "calls for \$2.64 for gas burned in June, and there wasn't anybody in the house during the entire month, to my certain knowledge."

"The meter tells a different story, sir," replied the cashier at the gas company's office, "and we have to go by the meter; \$2.64 is right."

"Well, I'll pay it," said the other, taking out his pocketbook with great apparent reluctance. "Your name, I think, is Ruggles. Here is your ice bill for last February, amounting to \$2.96. We have called your attention to it several times, but you have always refused to pay it on the ground that you did not know any ice was left at your door during that month and you didn't need it. It wasn't our fault if you didn't know it. The books show that the ice was left there, and we have to go by our books. The difference is 32 cents, and if you will just hand over the amount."

Here they clinched.—Chicago Tribune.

Bikes and Books.

The latest charge brought against the bicycle is that it injures the bookseller's trade. Books never have the same sale in summer as in winter, despite the fact that paper covered novels are in demand by the loungers at the seashore, but this year there is said to be a more than usual depression in the trade. The wheelman is blamed for this, as it is logically argued that while indulging in his favorite pastime he cannot possibly be reading a book, and that when he gets home from his spin he is too tired to read. As the cycling craze is constantly increasing, the result of its growth upon literature would make an interesting study.—Philadelphia Record.

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A reformer, with cast iron principles of justice, can find plenty of odd jobs to fill in his spare moments. Firmness, together with a judicious display of consequential importance, will often make the laws of corporations totter, and a pat argument bring them to the ground.

There was a sign in the window of a New York ice cream "parlor" reading, "Try our strawberry ice cream with the strawberries frozen in." When those cooling words caught the eye of the reformer on a recent hot day, his wilted spirits revived and he entered the place radiating peace and good will.

"Strawberry," he said confidently, beaming upon the presiding Hebe. Then he sat back and thought how good the frozen strawberries were going to taste. When the dish was brought, he scanned it closely, but failed to see any material signs of the berries.

"Where are the strawberries?" he asked, the genial expression giving way to one of stern inquiry.

"There ain't none in dish cream," said Hebe. "Only our quart bricks has the strawberries frozen in."

"What do you mean, then," said the customer, thumping the floor with his stick, "by putting such a sign in the window? That is a promise that this firm is bound to fulfill. I want some cream with strawberries frozen in. I insist upon having it. If the public in general consents to be bamboozled by that 'fake' sign, I don't; so run right along and get me some frozen strawberries."

"I tell you we don't sell it by the plate," said Hebe, who was beginning to show symptoms of hysteria.

"I'll have a plate of it," said the man, "or the firm must take in that sign and make me an apology."

The girl then left the field to the proprietor, who approached the customer with a conciliatory smile.

"Very sorry, sir," said he, "but we are just out of strawberry ice cream."

"Does the sign come down?"

"It does."

And now the reformer goes three blocks out of his way to pass that store for the sake of experiencing again the satisfaction of an accomplished purpose.—New York Herald.

Actually Stealing Wind.

"Say, officer, I wish you'd drive those hoboes away or run them in," requested the manager of a Market street cecery. "They're hanging around the door trying to steal our air all day long."

"Trying to steal what?"

"Our air—what we use to blow up pneumatic tires with."

"Do you fellows own the air here? Did you rent it with the premises? You'll be accusing somebody of running off with your sunbeams next. I suppose those hoboes grab a handful of air when you ain't looking, jam it in their pockets and run, eh?"

"Well, if you don't believe it, just come back here and watch."

The clerk led the way to the back part of the establishment, where he and the officer concealed themselves behind a curtain. In a moment a big tramp peered in at the door, mopped the perspiration from his face, slipped up to the little rubber hose attached to the air compressor in the basement, thrust the nozzle into his steaming collar and turned the stop cock. The wind whistled through his clothes, and for a moment he was the picture of contentment. Before he could get cooled off two more were anxiously waiting their turn at the nozzle.

The officer took him to the city prison and wanted to charge him with petty larceny for stealing air, but had to make it disturbing the peace.—San Francisco Post.

Hoops Have Arrived.

Two young ladies attracted attention at the Waldorf today, not because they were over pretty or chic, but merely on account of their walk. They strutted about with an ungraceful movement of their flaring skirts suggestive of a lameness which was alike in both. As this could hardly be possible the inquisitive ones who noticed them sought an explanation from a friendly feminine.

And what do you think was the matter? Why, hoopskirts! "That walk is caused by the wearing of hoops," smilingly explained the lady, "and hoops will soon be proper form too. When the modistes tried to force hoops on us a few years ago, we were not quite prepared for them. Now, with the flaring skirts, sloping shoulders and big sleeves, the old fashioned hoops complete the picture, and we will take kindly to them." The steel trade will like this announcement better than that portion of humanity which hates to see fashion disfigure the fair ones of this or any other land.—New York Letter in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

His Presence Accounted For.

"I've caught you at last!" cried the enraged farmer as he stumbled over the old dorky who was enjoying himself in the green middle of the watermelon patch. "I've caught you at last, you old thief, you!"

"Boss," said the culprit as he gulped down the red heart of a fat Kolb Gem, "boss, fo'de Lawd hit wuz all a accident how I come heah. I wuz walkin' long de railroad des ez hones' ez could be, when 'long come a freight train, en fo' I could cl'ar de track de engine hit me an' 'thowed me clean over de fence whar I is now, en when I fell I landed kerblam! on dese heah melons, en busted 'em all ter pieces, en when I come to I wuz so hungry dat I des pitch in en eat up what I done busted!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Getting the Money.

Father—He says he loves you, but can be support you in the style you have been accustomed to?

Daughter—Even better, father, dear, if you will just furnish the money.

That is all that discourages him.—Kansas City Catholic.

RULES OF THE ROAD AT SEA.

The Color and Position of Lights at Night Tell of a Vessel's Course.

Ensign John M. Elliott, in St. Nicholas, has a paper entitled "What the Lights Tell." This is a description of the system of signaling at night. Ensign Elliott writes as follows of the "Rules of the Road":

Presently there flashes out of the gloom ahead a small bright speck; then it is gone, then it shows again, and one of the lookouts who has craned his neck forward in the intensity of his gaze cries out:

"Light, ho!"

In an instant the officer of the deck is by his side, glasses in hand, inquiring:

"Where away?"

Then he, too, sees it, and by it is informed of another vessel's presence near him on the dark ocean. Then comes an anxious time when with strong glasses he strives to tell the color of that faint light, for he is as yet informed only of the other vessel's whereabouts at the moment and knows not which way she is going nor what manner of vessel she may be. This last is what the light next reveals, for if it be white it is the masthead light of a steamer, but if it be red or green the absence of a white light reveals a sailing vessel. It is for the red and green lights, commonly known as the side lights, that the officer of the deck most intently watches, for by them he can tell which way the vessel is going.

If her red light shows, he knows that her port side is toward him and she is crossing to his left. If it is her green light, her starboard side is toward him, and she is crossing to his right, but if both the red and green are showing she is heading straight in his direction. Thus he learns by these running lights where the other vessel is, what she is, and in what direction she is going, and he knows in plenty of time whether she is on his track or whether she is crossing it in one direction or the other. All that is not enough, however, to avoid collision, for both he and the officer on the other vessel must know exactly what to do and what the other is going to do.

He must know, so to speak, on just what track to switch and on just what track the other vessel will switch to avoid him. This is settled by fixed rules, which are the same the world over, and are known to all men who follow the sea. They are called the "rules of the road."

The rules of the road say that when two vessels are coming bows-on—that is to say, on the same track—each vessel shall turn off to the right far enough to avoid the other; that when two vessels are crossing—that is, when their tracks would cross each other, the one which has the other on her starboard (right) hand must turn to starboard (the right), and go behind the other vessel, while the latter keeps on her track, of course, and that a steam vessel must always get out of the way of a sailing vessel, a vessel at anchor or disabled, or a vessel with another in tow.

Thus the lights tell, in the darkest night, which way the ships are going and what kind of ships they are, while the rules of the road tell, both for night and day, in which direction the ships must turn to keep out of each other's way.

If a vessel has another vessel in tow, she carries two masthead lights instead of one, and when a vessel is at anchor she has no side lights or masthead light, but a single white light made fast to a stay where it can be seen from all around her.

The Aggravating Shoe Lacing.

The low shoe and the dangling lace are as common as field daisies in summer, and yet comparatively few persons avail themselves of the numerous patent devices for making taut and secure the tops of these strings. Among the latest contrivances are two tiny clasps which are said to be infallible in their continuous grip.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

Antique.

Auctioneer—This picture is by one of the old masters.

Miss Elderly (decisively)—I'm sure it isn't.

Auctioneer (sarcastically)—Well, madam, as I presume you were personally acquainted with the old masters and their works, I will not dispute your word!—London Tit-Bits.

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